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In keeping with MPEP § 1208, the examiner interprets appellants' reply brief as not containing any new issues/amendments affidavits or other evidence, but rather additional arguments.

The examiner is not persuaded, similar arguments were rebutted as stated on pages 7 and 12 of the Examiner's answer.

Appellants' reply brief of 12/20/05 has been received and is noted.

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